

**Amendments To The Claims:**

Claim 3 has been amended to correct a spelling error, and new claim 21 has been added.

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A method for handling data of a proportioning device comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device.

Claim 2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein at a beginning stage of ~~assembling~~ assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.

Claim 5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein an article number and/or a serial number of the proportioning device and/or a production order number and/or a batch number is/are stored into the transponder as production-related specific data.

Claim 6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein data of an initial calibration is stored into the transponder as production-related specific data.

Claim 7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein sales data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein inventory data of the user is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein calibration data of the user is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein usage data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein maintenance and/or repair data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the production-related specific data is stored to be fully or partially invariable into the transponder.

Claim 13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the application-related specific data is stored to be fully or partially variable into the transponder.

Claim 14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) A proportioning device comprising:  
a proportioning device selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers,  
a transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read out using a reading device, the proportioning device having the transponder affixed there to.

Claim 16. (Original) The proportioning device as claimed in claim 15 wherein the transponder is a passive transponder.

Claim 17. (Original) The proportioning device as claimed in claim 15 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in a casing of the proportioning device.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The proportioning device as claimed in claim 15 wherein the transponder is disposed inside a casing of the proportioning device or is injected into the casing of the proportioning device.

Claim 19. (Original) The proportioning device as claimed in claim 15 wherein the production-related specific data can be stored to be fully or partially invariable in the transponder.

Claim 20. (Original) The proportioning device as claimed in claim 15 wherein the application-related specific data can be stored to be fully or partially variable in the transponder.

Claim 21. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the production-related data is selected from the group consisting of article number, serial number, production order number, and batch number.